

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

April 2014 – Week 4

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TITLE: TEXAS FATHERLAND

APRIL 1842 AND ALL HAIL THE FATHERLAND... IN TEXAS?



THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 20, 1842. MAINZ, GERMANY. AFTER WINNING INDEPENDENCE, TEXAS IS SEEN AS AN IMMIGRANT PARADISE, ESPECIALLY FOR GERMANS LOOKING TO ESCAPE POVERTY AND REPRESSION.

TODAY, TWENTY-ONE GERMAN NOBLEMEN FORM A GROUP TO HELP GERMANS START A NEW LIFE IN THE YOUNG REPUBLIC. THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, OR ADELSSVEREIN, WANTS TO BUILD A NEW GERMAN FATHERLAND ON TEXAS SOIL.

TWO YEARS LATER, THE GROUPS FIRST COMMISSIONER, PRINCE CARL OF SOLMS-BRAUNFELS, ESTABLISHES COLONIES AT NEW BRAUNFELS AND FREDERICKSBURG.

WHILE DREAMS OF THE FATHERLAND FAIL, THE ADELSSVEREIN BRINGS OVER 7000 GERMANS TO TEXAS BY 1847.

THE GERMAN INVASION OF TEXAS BEGAN 172 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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